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Information from the Nassau County Fire Chief regarding fire response in American Beach:

There are many variables regarding where we would get water to fight a structure fire.

Each of our firefighting apparatus (engines/ladder) carry an on-board supply of water. Most of them carry 1000 gallons. We dispatch at least four engines on each structure fire call and these can share their water if necessary. Depending on the size of the fire when we arrive, many fires may be controlled using this self-provided water.

There are also fire hydrants that are in the vicinity. One is located at Lewis and Lincoln, one at Mary and Julia, and one on Ocean Blvd between Lewis and Burney. There are also hydrants at Ocean and Burney and Gregg and Burney. From these locations, using our hoses, we are able to extend these water lines to the fire scene.

We also have tankers that carry 3000 gallons of water and these can dump their water and leave to refill if necessary. One of these is located at our station 70 in O'Neil and could respond to the American Beach area if needed.

Our typical response would be for the first apparatus to proceed to the scene and assess the situation as they begin directing other companies. At this point, again depending on the location, they will begin attacking the fire.

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